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Mayor Maurice J. Tobin of Boston to be Guest Speaker at Next Shrine Luncheon

Young Mayor to Discuss Problems of Conducting Business of City

MAYOR Maurice J. Tobin of Boston will be the guest speaker at the first Shrine luncheon of 1938 to be held January 25 at the Boston City Club. Although he has only just taken office and assumed the burdens of running the city's



MAYOR MAURICE J. TOBIN
OF BOSTON

business the Mayor consented to take time off to be with us on the last Tuesday in January.

Boston's young Mayor has an engaging and an ingratiating personality, an infectious smile. Those who have not had the pleasure of meeting him and hearing him speak are in for a very pleasant surprise. Political observers have given it as their opinion that he came to the office of Mayor better equipped for that position than any man in recent years.

He will discuss for us the problem of conducting the business of the city in the interests of all the people, his hopes for the city of Boston, and his plans to attract business to Boston, to give assurances to business that Boston's affairs will be so conducted in the next four years that government will not make the task more difficult.

These luncheons which are held on the fourth Tuesday of every month, start

at 12:30 o'clock sharp. The usual distribution of door prizes, donated by the members and their friends will take place. The committee will be very glad to accept donations to be distributed at this or future luncheons, and may be addressed at Shrine headquarters, 97 Huntington Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts, or contacted by telephone, KENmore 0678.



CRIPPLED CHILDREN ENJOY SHRINERS' CHRISTMAS PARTY

SAIN'T NICK, aided by the New Bedford Shrine Club, reached out to make over 75 children happy December 21, 1937, in Masonic Temple as the club held its annual Christmas party for crippled children. Noble Dr. Frank Birtwistle, the President, welcomed the children to the gay affair. "The Shrine is a national organization and an important aim is to care for crippled children," he said. "In order to do this the Shrine of North America supports 12 hospitals, through donations from members, and since 1922 over 60,000 children have been cared for. The services are gratis to children whose parents would otherwise be unable to help them, and all are cared for regardless of race, creed or color."

A gay and tuneful program of songs, skits, and dances entertained the tiny guests. Taking part in this program were the dancing pupils of Miss Louise Sylvia, while "Pat" Healey acted in the role of master of ceremonies and added greatly to the fun by coaxing the youngsters up on the stage to sing through a microphone. All sorts of fun-makers, as well as several reels of movies added to the spirit of the holiday.

Standing in a corner of the stage, ablaze from the star at its top to the lowest branch, was a huge tree loaded down with gifts for the children. Bags of candy, nuts, huge shiny oranges, all were here, as well as toys and clothing. Noble James N. Greenwood acted the role of the jolly Santa. Noble William Beserosky, who donated the lights, acted as technician. Hiram Wheaton and Sons, Inc., donated the soda, and Noble Joseph T. Fernandes gave the ice cream.

Assisting President Birtwistle were the following Nobles: William Stitt, Benjamin Cohen, Albert B. Cood, Elbert B. Davis, Charles R. Halliday, Arthur Marcoux, Thomas Butler, Joseph T. Fernandes, James N. Greenwood, James Lees, Walter C. Hutchings, Norman Renne, Francis J. Denby and Richard Shaw. Noble Daniel W. Hinckley was the chairman of the entertainment.



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A MESSAGE FROM THE POTENTATE

AS I look at the calendar, it occurs to me that my tenure of office as your Potentate is fast coming to a close, and that it is time for me to render an accounting of my stewardship.

I am not unmindful of the fact that the past year has been an unusual one for all



ILL. POTENTATE
HARRY G. POLLARD

of us, and we have had to forego many of our pleasures. However, Aleppo Temple has weathered the storm, and without curtailing at any point, we reached the end of the year with a clean slate, having lived within our income. Someone has said that if you spend a dime a day more than you receive a day, you are heading toward misery and destruction. This is very true in any case, and Aleppo is no exception. We have tried to keep this in mind through the past year.

Although it became necessary for many Nobles to relinquish their membership again this past year, due to conditions beyond their control, Aleppo Temple is still one of the largest Temples in North America.

Conditions in the Order throughout the country are much better than they have been for some time and we hope for a steady improvement. Your Temple is in very fine condition.

The splendid co-operation and assistance received from our Past Potentates, my Divan, Appointed Officers, Uniform Units and other workers, has made my short stay as your Potentate one of the happiest years of my Masonic career. This has been particularly true of the three officers at Shrine headquarters, Walter W. Morrison, Frank W. Morrill and Harvey B. Leggee. We are fortunate in having these Nobles at headquarters working in the interests of our Temple.

In closing may I wish for my successor a most Happy, Healthy and Prosperous 1938, that he may also enjoy to the utmost his term of office as Potentate of the best Temple in Shrinedom.

May Peace, Happiness and Contentment forever dwell within our gates.

*"I pray the prayer that the Arabs do;
May the Peace of Allah abide with you."*

Sincerely yours in the Faith,

HARRY G. POLLARD, *Potentate.*

A FIFTY YEAR MEMBER

WHEN Noble Harrie E. Mason of Cambridge sent in his two dollars to pay for the 1938 Hospital assessment the other day, he made the notation on his bill, "A member for fifty years."

We looked up the records to get the exact date and sure enough he had just passed the fiftieth year, having joined Aleppo Temple way back in November, 1887. Noble Mason also asks if there are any perquisites. We offer you our sincere good wishes that you may have many more happy years as a Shriner. Walter says that the happiness you receive from membership in the Shrine, allowing you to assist in one of the world's greatest philanthropies, is the best perquisite we can offer. Perhaps sometime we will have a presentation of fifty-year Shrine medals to those who have tramped the hot sands for half a century.

SALUTING THE COLORS

WHEN a Noble is wearing the Fez, it is not necessary for him to remove it when the Colors pass. It is a part of his Shrine uniform. He should stand at attention, and when the Colors are within six paces at a point directly opposite his position, execute the right hand salute, holding it until after the Colors have passed, and then drop the right arm to its normal position. In the event the Colors pass the same point more than once, as frequently happens in opening a ceremonial session.

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A WORD TO THE WISE

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NOBLE HILTZ RETIRES

NOBLE William Hiltz, of Boston, who has been in active service on the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad since 1886, retired on November 30, 1937.

Noble Hiltz, who resigned from the railroad for the purpose of taking a pension as provided by the railroad retirement act, left for Florida December 8, where he expects to spend several months at 633 Douglas Avenue, Dunedin. Upon his return he will live at 5 Glen Road, East Weymouth. We hope that Noble Hiltz may enjoy many years of retired life.

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ALEPPO NOBLES IN THE SOUTHLAND

ALEPPO Temple is well represented in the Land of Sunshine this season, as evidenced by the following list of some of our Nobles who have recently written in or visited headquarters to get their 1938 Shrine cards to use in the Southland.

Noble Horace E. Beane of Waltham who is in St. Petersburg writes:—"We are here for the Winter and everything is so beautiful. Have had a cold spell but it has warmed up and fishing is very good. We feel at home here among so many Shriners."

Noble Charles Jed Tower of Hudson is also stopping at St. Petersburg. His address there is 809 Grove Street, North. Other Nobles in the "Sunshine" city are: William Hamilton of Clinton, who is at 723 Fourth Avenue, N.; George W. Brown of Haverhill, who may be addressed at 249 Fourth Avenue, N. Walter A. Knight of Plymouth is at 2502 Beach Blvd.; Edwin H. White of Eastondale at 155 19th Avenue, N. E., Charles H. Smallhoff of Hyannis, at 457 5th Avenue, North; and Ernest H. Howe of Lynn is stopping at the Hotel Ponce de Leon.

Aleppo fezzes will be prominent over on the East Coast also, this Winter. Noble George R. Moore of Hyannis is stopping in Miami where he arrived in time to celebrate the Christmas holidays. Noble Frank E. Potter of Provincetown makes his Winter headquarters at the Edgar Poe Apts., in the same city, and Noble C. George Bagge of Wolfboro, N. H., asks that any mail until May 1, be sent to him at Box 124, Lemon City Station, Miami.

Out on Miami Beach one may find Noble Hyman Caplan at 103 7th Terrace, Di Lido Island, while Noble Fred R. Whittaker chooses the Sarasota Tourist Camp at Sarasota for his stopover.

It all sounds like an Aleppo night in Florida, and no doubt there will be many Aleppo fezzes seen in the Florida Temples this Winter.



THINKS THE NEWS IS "FINE" — but . . .

READ what this writer from Florida sends us:
Dear Noble:

The ALEPPO NEWS is fine but it always advertises the west coast of Florida as the lost Paradise. Now I want to inform you who don't know that we who have travelled over this ideal state and weigh all carefully have finally located in the east coast, especially the Palm Beaches where the millionaires of all lands assemble to sport during the dull winter days.

This spot is where the cocoanuts originally came from, will prove this if it is doubted. This is where Henry Flagler, the builder of Florida selected for his home.

This is where the great sport of catching sail fish is keenest, ask the sportsman. This is nearest the Gulf Stream as we are but 4 miles from it, the nearest of any place in the whole U. S. A.

I will admit there are many other beautiful spots in our wonderful state, as no one place can claim all, but I will not admit that it is not the best for I have lived in other places and have selected the Palm Beaches.

Now that I have said all I want to, see if I can get a rise out of other en-

thusiasts of this wonderful state with its ultra violet rays that make the sick well and the well perfect, ask the doctor who knows!

Am glad to contribute my mite if you can find space for a breath from the orange blossom state where the citrus fruit is sweeter than sweet and where the sun always smiles kindly on the just and unjust and where you once get sand in your shoes you are sure to come back.

Fraternally,

FRANKLIN T. ANDERSON.



NEW BEDFORD SHRINE CLUB HAS NEW YEAR'S PARTY

THE following letter was received from Noble Doctor Frank Birtwistle, President of the New Bedford Shrine Club.

"Dear Friend Harvey:

"I am enclosing clippings of the Christmas party sponsored by our Shrine Club, in the interests of the local crippled children. It was a big success. All the Nobles helped to entertain our guests and make them happy. I tell you, Harvey, there is more Fraternal spirit and Brotherhood among the members of our Shrine Club than any of the other bodies.

"The New Year Party was also a big affair and a glorious one. We had two halls, one for dancing and floor show and the other for a banquet hall, where a banquet was served at 11:30 P.M.

"I had a large electric clock made and placed on the wall together with our electric Shrine emblem. A few minutes before twelve I struck a gong twelve times, and then the noise began. It was some celebration.

"After the banquet we all adjourned to the dance hall where there was dancing until 2:00 A.M.



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"We had another room reserved where "Camel's milk" was dispensed by our congenial Noble, Joe Dean.

"We have been organized twelve years and the sincere feeling existing among us is wonderful. I would certainly advocate other Shrine clubs to stimulate activity and interest in the Shrine.

"Wishing the officers and members of Aleppo Temple a most Happy New Year, I am,

"Yours in the Faith,

"DR. FRANK BIRTWISTLE,
President."

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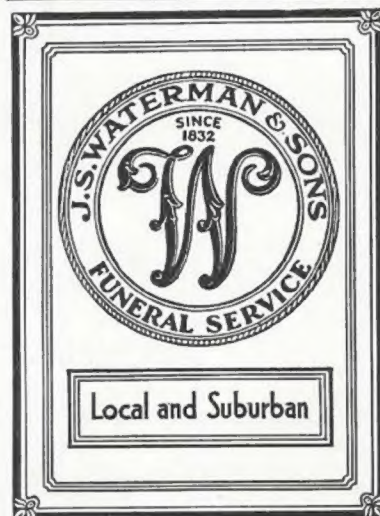
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By NOBLE CHARLES C. FEARING
Associate Editor

"THERE ARE BLOSSOMS ON BROADWAY"

WELL, the great festal day has come and went, and we are still alive to tell the tale. We have put away the little old red suit, wig and whiskers in moth balls for another year.

The annual Christmas jamboree of the band was held on Monday, December 20, and a "good time was had by all." Unfortunately this date conflicted with the annual dinner of the Massachusetts Charitable Mechanic Association so we did not have the usual array of dignitaries at the head table. But about 100 Nobles of the band sat down to one of those celebrated chicken pie dinners prepared by Luther Witham of Lynn.

Then there was a big Christmas tree all "lit up" (but the boys were not). After dinner a very enjoyable floor show was staged, and presents were distributed by the quartermaster and his assistants. Noble John Higgins very kindly brought his picture machine and gave a fine exhibition of moving pictures taken by himself during his extensive travels in Spain and other parts of Europe.

One of the bright spots in this affair was when our "debonair" drum major, Lew Carpenter, was called upon as the only speaker of the evening. Lew started out by claiming that he was no orator, but nevertheless gave a very good imitation; and in behalf of Noble Ernest Kimball ("Kimmie" for short), presented the band with a framed picture of the father of the band, our first leader, the late Noble Louis Harlow. Our present leader, Noble "Wallie" Smith accepted the gift in the name of the band, in a few well chosen words.

Noble "Al" Newton has gone back to sunny California to live. He says he lives in hopes of seeing the band at the next convention in Los Angeles, so he may have one more chance to don a band uniform and toot his tooter with the boys. Al does not mention anything about gophers, but we presume he is still gophering for them with a gun. He says he gets a great kick out of reading the Shrine magazine, especially the "Band Bull." Now we wonder what he means by that remark. We never claimed to be a torepreneur therefore could not throw the bull. However, we miss you Al and hope to see you some day. You know there are "blossoms on Broadway when you are there."

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C. C. F.



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By NOBLE J. ARTHUR MCCOY,
Associate Editor

COLONEL Charles T. Cahill, our Chief Rabban (at this writing), inspected the patrol December 17, and at the conclusion of the drill, spoke briefly to the members. He was complimentary in his remarks in regard to the work of all the uniformed units. Major Bolton also addressed the members and extended the season's greetings.

At the annual convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, in December, Noble Alexander Campbell, of the fourth platoon, was elected Grand Scribe. Rt. Ex. Campbell, while serving as District Deputy a few years ago, was very popular for his excellent interpretations of the legends and for his native Scotch humor. Aleck first became a Mason in Scotland, in a town near Glasgow. He was raised in Houston St. Johnstone Lodge No. 242 and exalted in Sir William Wallace R. A. Chapter No. 109. Here in Massachusetts, he has served as presiding officer in his Lodge, Chapter and Commandery.

We are glad to welcome two new members to the patrol, Noble George Gardner, a police sergeant of Division 6, South Boston, and Noble Arthur Morrison, a sheet metal worker, of Somerville. Noble Gardner is a member of Noddle Island Lodge, St. Paul's Chapter and Boston Commandery. Noble Morrison has the distinction of being the youngest member of the patrol, at twenty-three, and is a member of Somerville Lodge, Somerville Chapter and Coeur de Lion Commandery.

This reference to Boston Commandery reminds me that Noble Frank Breed has succeeded Noble Arthur Hale as Captain of the Guards in that historic old body. Nobles Alden Leland and Bill Aldrich are also members of the Guards, Noble Gardiner Wilson is Generalissimo, Noble Loren Lewis is Captain General and Noble Walter E. Duncan is Senior Warden — in all, quite a representation.

Noble Jim Melville of the third platoon, was installed Master of Hammatt Lodge of East Boston, in November. The installing officers were Nobles George Dolloff and Archie Felton.

The members of the first platoon were saddened to learn of the death of their former member, Dr. Frederick G. Bodge, on November 26. Dr. Bodge was a well-known dentist in Somerville, and was a member of the patrol for many years.

The second platoon visited Kora Temple at Lewiston at their ceremonial, January 14. The report of this trip will be described more fully in the next issue.

Noble Fred Herman, of the first platoon, has been appointed Used Car Manager for Lawton-Hevessy Co., of Commonwealth Ave., Boston. Fred has

been a successful automobile executive "on the Avenue" for twenty-one years and has appraised thousands of cars. Congratulations go to Fred.

The members of the first platoon celebrated the holidays with a party at Hotel Minerva, January 7. It was a jolly affair and attended by many former members.



MANY SHRINERS ON GULF STREAM CRUISE

A DELIGHTFUL 16 day cruise to the Canal Zone, Jamaica and the northern part of South America, is planned to leave Boston on February 24 via a large trans-Atlantic steamer with the latest ventilating and air-conditioning system which is so essential for comfort in tropical travel. This steamer has a beautiful tiled swimming pool, fully equipped modern gymnasium, spacious decks and lounge rooms. The rate from New York for this cruise is only \$157.50 and slightly up, or from Boston, \$186.50 which includes taxes, deck chairs, etc.

This sunshine cruise in the Gulf Stream which is under the personal supervision of Noble Clarence Colpitts makes an ideal trip, being away at the most disagreeable part of the winter and really is a health investment. Mr. Colpitts is planning to escort the party and those who have been with him on other trips know what a good time they will have. Several members of Aleppo Temple have already signed up, while many others have signified their intentions of doing so.

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THOUGHTS FOR THE NEW YEAR

It is not easy:
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To begin over
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To admit error
To be unselfish
To face a sneer
To be charitable
To be considerate
To avoid mistakes
To endure success
To keep on trying
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SOUTH SHORE NEWS

By NOBLE GEORGE A. RHODES
Associate Editor

QUINCY is slipping. Not a candidate from that village in the last ceremonial. Weymouth had a couple and Braintree one.

So they ate 40,000 raw oysters at the last big time besides several tons of other foods. Understand Noble Seiler was a bit disturbed at the way the food disappeared. Easily accounted for — the entire membership of the Shingle Club of Quincy arrived early and worked its way down the tables en masse. This is a bunch of Nobles who dine frequently. The qualification for membership is ability to eat long and continuously. The only way one can resign is to have dyspepsia so bad it cannot be relieved. Yes, they were all there headed by Monarch Dingwell of Taleb Grotto and a flock of Talebites. That, Mr. Seiler, is where the food went to.

When those fellows who are telling fish stories get into the class of Noble Bertram Brown we will write a story that is fishy.

South Shore Commandery, K. T., which is presided over by Noble A. Kenneth Martin, had a Christmas party at their December meeting. It is said everyone attending got a gift but the Commander who gave the party.

In Quincy Commandery, K. T., they held the Christmas noon toast, a custom they have followed for many years.

The Blue Lodges have all held the 1937 elections and are now ready to greet the new District Deputy Grand Master, Rt. Wor. James S. Collins, who was installed December 27. Mr. Collins is superintendent of the North Quincy high school, Past Master of Wollaston Lodge and Past Monarch of Taleb Grotto. A splendid type of citizen and good Mason. The 26th, has had some great Deputies in the past. Rt. Wor. Everett E. Weatherbee who retired in December was one of the most sincere of men, good ritualist and short on talks but strong on action. He won friends who will be friends for life. Rt. Wor. George Burnham, Rt. Wor. William Holbrook, and Rt. Wor. George White are three who have preceded — all good men who have continued their interest in the order. Mr. White missed a few visitations owing to illness. Mr. Burnham, who is a Noble, was absent only once when he went to a visitation in Hingham in the 27th district.

St. Stephen's Chapter had a successful ladies' night in December and Mt. Wollaston Chapter pulled off its stag whist which was a winner.

A goodly number of the incoming Worthy Patrons in the Eastern Star are Aleppo Nobles. The Star is undoubtedly the most active of all fraternal orders socially and their membership is on the upward climb again.

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BOWLING NEWS

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THE first round of the Aleppo Bowling League schedule is now history. Two more rounds to go. As we start in on the second section we find Team No. 2 Captained by John Eaton in first place, by a very good margin. Although John is a very inspiring Captain they would not be up there but for the rest of the stalwarts such as Gordon, Jones, Bearse and K. A. Juthe.

Team No. 2 also holds team single 563 with Team No. 3 captained by that old reliable Jim Greig runner-up with 538. The honors also go to Team No. 2 on the team 3-string, 1610 being the total. Team No. 3 is also second on this record with 1510. So, all in all, it looks as though Team No. 2 has one whale of a team, but I think they will have a pretty tough time of it the next round when the new handicaps go into effect.

Individual prizes are: high single, Rogers 149, and Haak 149; three string, Greig 377, Gordon 374 and honorable mention to Rogers with a 373. Greig is tops on averages with 117, followed by Gordon with 115 and then in order the next eight are Jones, Hansis, Bearse, Rogers, Haak, Seeley, Grutchfield and Eaton.

Christmas Turkey held on December 23 was enjoyed immensely by all the Nobles participating. Novelty strings such as Cocked Hat, Blind Rolling, etc., provided a great deal of amusement.

A short word about the Aleppo Team in The Amateur Boston Pin League. At the completion of the first round the team is in 5th place but not too far behind the leaders to cause the team any discouragement. Capt. Hansis has come right out on the limb and stated emphatically that the team is going to be strengthened before the second series so I guess it's the truth because Charlie is a man of his word.

In closing, this column wishes all the readers a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

P. S. Both holidays will be past when you read this but it goes just the same.



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MASONRY AND THE CONSTITUTION

ONE hundred and fifty-one years ago the Constitution was signed September 17th. The United States was born.

How about the men who shaped this great document? They were able and well informed. Most of them were young men in their early thirties; Washington was 55 and Franklin over 80. A considerable number were Free Masons. There is apparently no authentic record as to the exact number. The claim has been made as high as 53. John H. Cowles, sovereign Grand Commander of the Scottish Rite, probably comes near the truth when he says that 25 to 30 were members of the fraternity. We know that some of the most important men of the convention were Masons. Washington was Master of Alexandria Lodge; Franklin, Fourth G. M. of Pennsylvania; Bedford, First G. M. of Delaware; Blair, First G. M. of Virginia; Brearley, First G. M. of New Jersey; Davie, G. M. of North Carolina; Randolph, Third G. M. of Virginia; Hamilton was a Mason, as was also Madison, Secretary of the Convention and known as the "Father of the Constitution." Madison's notes, made at the time and not published until 50 years later, are the only complete record we have of the proceedings of the convention.

The Masons of that day were sincere and serious in their devotion to the principles of Masonry;—to be a Mason was a mark of distinction. Masonic Lodges were forums where a broad field of subjects were discussed. Masons were well informed and those who came to the Convention were capable of intelligently discussing the many questions considered. They were also willing to compromise their differences, and without this willingness to compromise, no final agreement could ever have been reached. Furthermore, they were able to write into the Constitution some of the fundamental ideals and principles of Masonry. They contributed more than any other group to the framing of the Constitution. Masons not only helped to make the Constitution, but have also been amongst its staunchest supporters.

Masonry is not a political organization, and that is as it should be. Masons differ in their political beliefs, so do other men, but are united in their support and defense of the ideals and institutions that are the outgrowth of our American Democracy.

"YOU HAVE TO PAY"

A colored preacher was talking to his congregation about free salvation. Finally his sermon was finished and then he said: "Now, Brother Smith, will you take up de collection?"

At this point an old darky got up and started for the door, saying, "Parson, ah thought you said salvation was free—free as the water we drink."

"Well, brother," replied the preacher, "salvation is free and water is free, but when we pipes it to you, you has to pay fo' de piping."

IN TIME

"Move to Mudville."
"Why?"
"You can be one of the four hundred there."
"What's your population?"
"About 390 now."